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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Andrew L Nalven

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 December 1999 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-17 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-17 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. However, Examiner wishes to note, in regards to Applicant's arguments that the Mi reference fails to teach "the first key being only known to the content provider", that the knowledge of a key to only the content provider is not a property of the key. The limitation "generating a first key known only to said content provider" implies the intent of having the key known only to the content provider, but does not require it because it is impossible to prove such a limitation. Any key may be broken through cryptanalysis or acquired through hacking. Hence, for the remainder of this office action, the limitation "known only to said content provider" has not been given patentable weight.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1, 5, 12, 13, 15, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted

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elements are: the sending of the encrypted second key on the client machine to the content provider.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, 12-13, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomlinson et al US Patent No. 6,389,535 in view of Aziz US Patent No. 5,604,803. Thomlinson a system for cryptographic protection of core data secrets. Aziz teaches a method for secure remote authentication in a public network.

7. With regards to claims 1,12, and 15, Thomlinson teaches the generating of a first key (Thomlinson, column 9 lines 20-22, master key), the encrypting of a second key using the first key and an encryption algorithm (Thomlinson, column 9 lines 20-22, item key encrypted by master key), decrypting the second key using the first key when the user desires access to data (Thomlinson, column 10 lines 5-13, decrypt item key using master key), the storing of an encrypted second key on the client machine (Thomlinson, column 9 line 63 – column 10 line 4), and accessing the data using the second key (Thomlinson, column 10 lines 15-16). Thomlinson lacks a reference to the use of a one-time password. Aziz teaches the use of a one-time password (Aziz, column 6 lines 61-

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64). At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to utilize Aziz's method of using one-time passwords with Mi's access control system because it offers the advantage of reducing the likelihood of an unauthorized user gaining access to user passwords (Aziz, column 2 lines 1-13).

8. With regards to claims 3 and 7, Mi as modified teaches the one-time password being a unique user identifier and the one time password being transmitted out of band (Aziz, column 2 lines 45-60).

9. With regards to claims 4 and 8, Thomlinson as modified teaches a second key being required in an algorithm that generates a session key used to decrypt data (Thomlinson, column 10 lines 11-16).

10. With regards to claims 5, 13 and 16, Thomlinson teaches everything described above, and further teaches the use of a separate user supplied password (Thomlinson, column 10 lines 5-9).

11. Claims 2 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomlinson et al US Patent No. 6,389,535 and Aziz US Patent No. 5,604,803, as applied to claims 1, 12, and 15 above, and in further view of Mi et al US Patent No. 6,418,472.

12. With regards to claims 2 and 6, Thomlinson as modified fails to teach the step of transmitting the identity of the client machine to the content provider. Mi teaches the step of transmitting the identity of the client machine to the content provider to

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authenticate that the user is using the client machine thereby permitted data to be accessed only on the client machine (Mi, column 8 lines 32-46). At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to utilize Mi's method of transmitting a client's identity with Thomlinson as modified because it offers the advantage of allowing the identification of a platform or device employed by the user prior to granting access to an object (Mi, column 1 line 69 – column 2 line 2).

13. Claims 9, 14, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomlinson et al US Patent No. 6,389 in view of Aziz US Patent No. 5,604,803, and Jablon US Patent No. 6,226,383. Jablon describes cryptographic methods for remote authentication.

14. With regards to claims 9, 14, and 17, Thomlinson teaches the generating of a first key (Thomlinson, column 9 lines 20-22, master key), the encrypting of a second key using the first key and an encryption algorithm (Thomlinson, column 9 lines 20-22, item key encrypted by master key), decrypting the second key using the first key when the user desires access to data (Thomlinson, column 10 lines 5-13, decrypt item key using master key), the storing of an encrypted second key on the client machine (Thomlinson, column 9 line 63 – column 10 line 4), and accessing the data using the second key (Thomlinson, column 10 lines 15-16). Thomlinson lacks a reference to the use of a one-time password, the sending of g^a to the client machine, generating g^b , encrypting g^b , and calculating $g^{(a*b)}$ as part of the authentication procedure. Aziz teaches the

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use of a one-time password (Aziz, column 6 lines 61-64). Jablon teaches a procedure called Hidden-Password Validation that includes the sending of g^a to the client machine (Jablon, column 7 lines 16-23), generating g^b (Jablon, column 7 lines 23-26), encrypting g^b (Jablon, column 7 lines 23-26 g^b is exchanged using Diffie-Hellman encryption), and calculating $g^{(a*b)}$ (Jablon, column 7 lines 25-27) as part of the authentication procedure. At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to utilize Aziz's method of using one-time passwords and Jablon's exchange procedures with Thomlinson's system because it would offer the advantage of reducing the likelihood of an unauthorized user gaining access to user passwords (Aziz, column 2 lines 1-13) and because it would help reduce the vulnerability of the password if a host computer's password database is exposed (Jablon, column 20 lines 17-20).

15. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomlinson et al US Patent No. 6,389,535, Aziz US Patent No. 5,604,803, and Jablon US Patent No. 6,226,383, as applied to claim 9 above, and in further view of Mi et al US Patent No. 6,418,472.

16. With regards to claim 10, Thomlinson as modified fails to teach the step of transmitting the identity of the client machine to the content provider. Mi teaches the step of transmitting the identity of the client machine to the content provider to authenticate that the user is using the client machine thereby permitted data to be accessed only on the client machine (Mi, column 8 lines 32-46). At the time the

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invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to utilize Mi's method of transmitting a client's identity with Thomlinson as modified because it offers the advantage of allowing the identification of a platform or device employed by the user prior to granting access to an object (Mi, column 1 line 69 – column 2 line 2).

17. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable Thomlinson et al US Patent No. 6,389,535, Aziz US Patent No. 5,604,803, and Jablon US Patent No. 6,226,383 as applied to claim 9 above, and further in view of Schneier Applied Cryptography.

18. With regards to claim 11, Thomlinson as modified, lacks a reference to a MAC authentication procedure. Schneier describes the one-way hash function termed a MAC that is used to verify authenticity (Page 455, Section 18.14). At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to utilize Schneier's MAC authentication on g^{a*b} to authenticate the server to the client because it provides a verification method that is reliant on having the same key. Both client and server generate the same key during the authentication procedure so the MAC authentication would be an easy way to check authenticity without needing security since it is a one-way function (Page 455, Section 18.14).

Conclusion

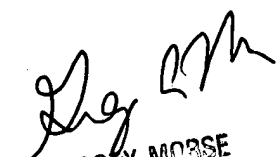
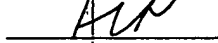
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19. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew L Nalven whose telephone number is 571 272 3839. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 8-6, Alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Morse can be reached on 571 272 3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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